

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 23, please make the following changes:

As Fig. 2 illustrates, after opening (drawing out) the side cover 35, the transfer belt unit 8 is inserted from a widely-opened space, ~~as indicated by an arrow~~. On this occasion, first, the transfer belt unit 8 is kept at a slant with respect to the image forming device, and the supporting shaft 78b is fitted in the rail groove 202 of the rail ~~section 211~~ members 201. Then the supporting shaft 78b is caused to slide along the rail groove 202 so that the transfer belt unit 8 is inserted into the image forming device.

In the Abstract:

The Examiner objected to the Abstract asserting it is more than 150 words. By this amendment, Applicants have amended the Abstract. Please replace the current Abstract to the Abstract attached herewith. Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.